

Executive Director's Report

(Prepared February 27, 2012, for the March 1-2, 2012 Board meeting)

LEGISLATION: The General Assembly has passed its first “funnel” deadline (February 24), the date by which most bills must be approved by a committee in order to be considered for further action this session. Staff is following several bills that could directly affect the Board’s work, including:

- **HF 2199** – Would require administrative agencies to hold rulemaking hearings throughout the state via the Iowa Communications Network and at specific locations in some circumstances. It would also require a concise statement of the principal reasons for and against a rule.
- **HF2257** – Would prevent professional licensing boards from relying on a deferred judgment or the facts underlying a deferred judgment as grounds for discipline. The bill also requires licensing boards to adopt rules of procedure for meetings.
- **SF 2154** – Would license naturopathy under the Board of Medicine.
- **SF2185** – Would increase from 2 to 5 the number of physician assistants that could be supervised simultaneously by a physician.
- **SSB 3114** – Would license polysomnographic technologists under the Board of Medicine.

PERSONNEL: Amy Snowden, a second-year Drake law student, is serving in an unpaid internship until May. She is working with Kent Nebel, director of legal affairs, and will be in attendance at meetings and hearings as her schedule permits.

DATABASE: CSDC, the vendor for the project, continues to develop reports and is documenting functions in the database to prepare for final testing. This is a joint project involving the Boards of Medicine, Dental and Nursing. All boards should go live with the database this summer.

FSMB: Siroos Shirazi, M.D., Board chair, will be Iowa’s voting delegate at the Federation of State Medical Boards’ annual meeting April 26-28 in Houston. Other Board members and staff members scheduled to attend the meeting are Executive Director Mark Bowden, Director of Licensure Amy Van Maanen, Chief Investigator Russell Bardin, and Board members Colleen

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Stockdale, M.D., and Diane Clark. The FSMB will pay travel, lodging and registration costs for Shirazi, Bowden and Clark. Deb Anglin, coordinator of the Iowa Physician Health Program, will be Iowa's voting member at the annual meeting of the Federation of State Physician Health Programs, which meets concurrently with the FSMB in Houston.

MARCH-APRIL CALENDAR

Hearings

(Updated 2/27/2012. Subject to settlements, delays or continuances.)

March 15, 8:30 a.m. – Michael F.E. Jones, M.D.

March 16, 8:30 a.m. – Gary E. Lawrence, M.D.

April 5, 8:30 a.m. – Jeffery M. Jauron, D.O.

April 5, 8:30 a.m., Lafayette J. Twyner, M.D.

Meetings

March 1-2 – Board meeting

March 23 – Iowa Physician Health Committee meeting

March 29 – Board teleconference meeting

April 19-20 – Board meeting